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C O N F I D E N T I A L CARACAS 8122

FOR ARA DEPUTY ASST. SEC. STEDMAN FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: TECH, ENERG, PARM, EAID, VE
SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN NUCLEAR PLANNING

REF: CARACAS 8119

1. I CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO REFTEL WHICH DESCRIBES
A RENEWED REQUEST BY THE VENEZUELAN NATIONAL NUCLEAR
COUNCIL (CONAN) FOR ASSISTANCE IN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
OF A NATIONAL NUCLEAR PROGRAM. THIS REQUEST ORIGINALLY MADE
IN DECEMBER 1976 HAS BEEN KICKING AROUND IN THE AID/CFS
CHANNEL SINCE THEN, BECAUSE OF WASHINGTON'S EFFORT TO
BROADEN IT TO ENCOMPASS A TOTAL ENERGY R&D AGREEMENT AND
PROGRAM. THE GOV IS NOT YET INTERESTED IN THIS BROADER
AGREEMENT AND WE CANNOT USE THE REQUEST FOR THE NARROWER
NUCLEAR PLANNING ASSISTANCE TO LEVER THEM INTO IT. IN THE
MEANTIME, AS YOU WILL NOTE FROM THE REFTEL, THE FRENCH
HAVE BEEN VERY RESPONSIVE AND WE NOW RUN THE RISK OF LOSING
THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ORIENT VENEZUELA'S DEVELOPING
NUCLEAR PROGRAM TOWARD THE US. PLEASE NOTE REFTEL
CAREFULLY IN THIS REGARD.

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2. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR HELP IN BUSTING THIS OUT
OF THE BUREAUCRATIC CHANNELS INTO WHICH IT APPEARS
TO BE MIRED. PARTICULARLY, I WOULD LIKE TO SEPARATE
IT OUT FROM AN EFFORT BY US TO BROADEN THIS REQUEST INTO
A COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY PLANNING PROGRAM, AS DESIRABLE
AS THE LATTER MIGHT BE. WE ARE SIMPLY NOT GOING TO GET
ANYWHERE WITH THE BROADER PROGRAM FOR NOW. MEANWHILE,

LET US NOT LOSE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAINTAIN VENEZUELA'S
TIES WITH THE US IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD. THE LATTER IS ALL
THE MORE IMPORTANT GIVEN PRESIDENT PEREZ'S STRONG SUPPORT
FOR US POLICY IN NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION ET AL. IT WOULD
BE ANOMALOUS INDEED TO HAVE THEM ON OUR SIDE INTERNATIONALLY
AND LOSE TO EUROPEANS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR TECHNICAL--AND
EVENTUALLY POLICY--INFLUENCE.
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